

YANKEES LOSE, 4-3, THEN TOP SENATORS

Triumph in Second Game, 7-1

—Selkirk Is Operated On for Appendicitis

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 28—Having been frustrated the day before in their drive for a fifth straight pennant, the Yankees dropped the first game of a double-header with the Senators at Griffith Stadium today, and the once mighty baseball machine was on the brink of finishing third.

The breaks went against Marvin Breuer in his struggle with Sid Hudson, but Atley Donald staggered to an eight-inning victory over Lefty Ken Chase, Alejandro Carrasquel and Joe Haynes in the afterpiece, which was halted by darkness. Thus when the curtain is run down tomorrow on the regular season, the Yankees will have a last chance to deadlock the Indians for second.

The Yankees dropped today's opener by 4-3, but if Breuer's luck had been better, the McCarthymen might have won this one, too, possibly by a shutout. They won the second game by 7-1.

Takes Crazy Bounce

One ball that would have brought the third out bounced crazily, struck Frankie Crosetti's chest and led to two Washington runs in the fifth inning of the opener. In the seventh a fly ball which Charley Keller dropped because Joe DiMaggio crossed in front of him went for a double, setting the stage for another pair of runs. That, too, would have retired the side if played cleanly.

Still the Yanks were thankful that they could still tie the Indians, for no Yankee team in Joe McCarthy's ten-year reign as manager ever finished lower than second. McCarthy has developed five pennant winners and four runners-up in New York.

The Yankees scored a run in the second inning of the opener when Twink Selkirk walked and stole second and Babe Dahlgren lined a double to the right-field corner. This lead stood up until the fifth, when the Senators took command at 2-1. Rick Ferrell doubled and three successive hits, two in the infield, plus an error by DiMaggio produced the pair. It might have been worse if Joe Gordon hadn't thrown out Buddy Lewis on a close play at the plate.

Keller Gets a Walk

In the sixth inning Keller walked, DiMaggio singled and Selkirk dropped a double into short left to even matters, but with the bases loaded and one out the Yankees failed to help themselves and the count remained deadlocked.

With two out and runners on second and first in the seventh, DiMaggio singled sharply to center and pushed Gordon across the plate, but this advantage was short-lived, for in their half the Senators regained the lead. Ferrell singled with one out, and after Hudson popped to Red Rolfe, George Washington Case sent a low liner between Keller and DiMaggio. Just as the latter crossed in front of Charley, the ball hit Keller's glove and dropped for a double, allowing Ferrell to score. Lewis then singled to short left and Washington was in front to stay.

Two infield hits and a base on balls filled the bases for the Yankees in the opening stanza of

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the nightcap, but Selkirk fanned and the runners were stranded.

It was a different story for the opposition. Successive walks to Case, who stole second, and Lewis preceded a Yankee double play, but Cecil Travis also walked and Bloodworth singled home Case.

Donald was still wild in the second, but though the Senators filled the bases with a double and two passes, they failed to score.

A few minutes later the Yankees were back in the ball game. With one out in the third, Rolfe walked, moved to second on Keller's infield out and tied the score on DiMaggio's single. Buddy Rosar followed with a triple to right and the New Yorkers went ahead, 2-1. Jake Powell, batting for Selkirk, who hobbled off the field, grounded to third for the last out. He then took over Selkirk's post in right.

Selkirk was taken by Doc Painter, the Yankee trainer, to a local doctor, who diagnosed the ailment as appendicitis and advised Selkirk to return to New York immediately.

The Yankee outfielder, hardly able to stand erect, departed for New York on a plane. Painter went with him.

The fifth inning saw the McCarthymen virtually clinch the decision with a three-run outburst. It started with a pass to Keller. DiMaggio singled to left, and when Johnny Welaj fumbled, the runners advanced to third and second. Rosar followed with a sharp single to center, scoring both, and after a wild pitch had allowed Buddy to reach third, Powell hit to left for the third run of the inning.

Owner's Adopted Son Hits Hard

Sherrod Robertson, Clark Griffith's adopted son, was at short for the Senators in the curtain-raiser. He's a likely-looking lad, with a powerful, accurate arm, and has potentialities as a big-leaguer. He slammed a 425-foot triple in the second.

Case, the league-leading base-stealer, made the whole Yankee team look sleepy. He walked in the third inning, and when Dickey returned the ball to Breuer, Case, who never stopped running, moved right on to second. No play was made.

Rolfe dragged two bunts safely for base hits on his first two times up. When he attempted it again in the sixth, Hudson was ready and threw him out.

Crosetti's smash to Travis at third in the second inning of the opener was so speedy it almost carried the infielder into left field. The ball bounded off Cecil's glove and

spun him around. It went for a hit, of course.

CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY

Selkirk to Remain in Hospital for Two Weeks

George Selkirk was operated on at St. Elizabeth's Hospital early this morning by Dr. Robert Emmet Walsh, Yankee team physician. Dr. Walsh said, after the operation, that the outfielder's condition was satisfactory and that he would be able to leave for his home in Rochester in two weeks.

When Selkirk arrived at La Guardia Field last night he was perspiring, limping slightly and evidently in pain as he walked from the plane to a taxicab for the trip to the hospital.

"This is a fine way to end the (baseball) season, isn't it?" the Yankee slugger remarked to reporters as the cab was about to leave the airport.